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6	Ι	Ι	Т	3	3	2	8
5	Н	Н	Т	3	3	2	8
4	Η	Т	Т	3	2	2	7
3	Ι	Т	Н	З	2	2	7
2	Т	Т	Т	2	2	2	6
1	Т	Т	Т	2	2	2	6

HEXAGRAM 62 - Hsiao Kuo - Preponderance of the Small

Above CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER Below KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN

While in the hexagram Ta Kuo, PREPONDERANCE OF THE GREAT (28), the strong lines

- preponderate and
- are within inclosed between weak lines at the
 - top and
 - o bottom,

the present hexagram

- has weak lines preponderating, though here again
 - they are on the outside,
 - o the strong lines being within.

This indeed is the basis of the exceptional situation indicated by the hexagram. When strong lines are outside, we have the hexagram

- I, PROVIDING NOURISHMENT (27), or
- Chung Fu, INNER TRUTH (61);

neither represents an exceptional state.

When

- strong elements within preponderate,
- they necessarily enforce their will.

This creates struggle and exceptional conditions in general.

But

in the present hexagram

it is the weak element that perforce must mediate with the outside world.

- a man occupies a position of authority for which
- he is by nature really inadequate, extraordinary prudence is necessary.

THE JUDGMENT

PREPONDERANCE OF THE SMALL.

Success.

Perseverance furthers.

- Small things may be done;
- great things should not be done.

The flying bird brings the message:

- It is not well to strive upward,
- It is well to remain below.

Great good fortune.

- Exceptional modesty and
- conscientiousness

are sure to be rewarded with success;

however,

if a man is not to throw himself away,

it is important that they should

- not become empty form and subservience
- but be combined always with a correct dignity in personal behavior.

We must understand the demands of the time

in order to find the necessary offset for its

- deficiencies and
- damages.

In any event

- we must not count on great success,
- since the requisite strength is lacking.

In this lies the importance of the message that one should

not strive after lofty things

but

hold to lowly things.

The structure of the hexagram gives rise to the idea that this message is brought by a bird.

In Ta Kuo, PREPONDERANCE OF THE GREAT (28),

- the four strong, heavy lines within,
- supported only by two weak lines without, give the image of a sagging ridgepole.
 Here
- the supporting weak lines are both
 - outside and
 - preponderant;

this gives the image of a soaring bird.

But

- a bird should not try to surpass itself and fly into the sun;
- it should descend to the earth, where its nest is.

In this way

it gives the message conveyed by the hexagram.

THE IMAGE

Thunder on the mountain: The image of PREPONDERANCE OF THE SMALL. Thus

- in his conduct the superior man gives preponderance to reverence.
- In bereavement be gives preponderance to grief.
- In his expenditures he gives preponderance to thrift.
- Thunder on the mountain is different from
- thunder on the plain.

In the mountains,

thunder seems much nearer;

outside the mountains,

• it is less audible than the thunder of an ordinary storm.

Thus

the superior man derives an imperative from this image: he must always fix his eyes

- more closely and
- more directly

on duty

than does the ordinary man,

even though this might make his behavior seem petty to the outside world. He is exceptionally conscientious in his actions.

In bereavement

emotion means more to him than ceremoniousness.

In all his personal expenditures

he is extremely simple and unpretentious.

In comparison with the man of the masses,

all this makes him stand out as exceptional.

But

the essential significance of his attitude lies in the fact that

in external matters

he is on the side of the lowly.

THE LINES

Six at the beginning means:

The bird meets with misfortune through flying.

- A bird ought to remain in the nest until
- it is fledged.

If

- it tries to fly before this,
- it invites misfortune.

Extraordinary measures should be resorted to only when all else fails.

At first

- we ought to put up with traditional ways as long as possible; otherwise
- we
 - exhaust ourselves and our energy and
 - still achieve nothing.

Six in the second place means:

She

- passes by her ancestor And
- · meets her ancestress.

He

- does not reach his prince And
- meets the official.

No blame.

Two exceptional situations are instanced here.

- 1. <u>In the temple of ancestors,</u> where alternation of generations prevails, the grandson
- stands on the same side as the grandfather.

Hence

his closest relations are with the grandfather.

The present line designates the grandson's wife, who during the sacrifice

- passes by the ancestor and
- goes toward the ancestress.

This unusual behavior is, however,

- an expression of her modesty.
- She ventures rather to approach the ancestress, for
- she feels related to her by their common sex.

Hence here

- deviation from the rule is not a mistake.
- 2. Another image is that of the official who, in compliance with regulation, first seeks an audience with his prince.

If

- he is not successful in this,
- he
- does not try to force anything

but

- goes about conscientious fulfillment of his duty,
- taking his place among the other officials.

This extraordinary restraint is likewise not a mistake in exceptional times.

(The rule is that every official should first have an audience with the prince by whom he is appointed.

Here the appointment is made by the minister.)

MOVING HEXAGRAM

HEXAGRAM 34 - Ta Chuang - The Power of the Great

Above CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER Below CH'IEN THE CREATIVE, HEAVEN

The great lines, that is, the light, strong lines, are powerful. Four light lines

- have entered the hexagram from below and
- are about to ascend higher.
- The upper trigram is Chen, the Arousing;
- the lower is Ch'ien, the Creative.
- Ch'ien is strong,
- Chen produces movement.

The union of movement and strength gives the meaning of THE POWER OF THE GREAT.

The hexagram is linked with the second month (March April).

THE JUDGMENT

THE POWER OF THE GREAT. Perseverance furthers.

The hexagram points to a time when inner worth

- mounts with great force and
- comes to power.

But its strength has already passed beyond the median line, hence there is danger that one

- may rely entirely on one's own power and
- forget to ask what is right.

There is danger too that, being intent on movement, we may not wait for the right time.

Therefore the added statement that perseverance furthers.

For that is truly great power

- which does not degenerate into mere force
- but remains inwardly united with the fundamental principles of right and of justice.

When we understand this point – namely, that greatness and justice must be indissoluble united – we understand the true meaning of all that happens in heaven and on earth.

THE IMAGE

Thunder in heaven above: The image of THE POWER OF THE GREAT.

Thus the superior man

does not tread upon paths

That do not accord with established order.

Thunder - electrical energy - mounts upward in the spring.

The direction of this movement is in harmony with that of the movement of heaven.

It is therefore a movement in accord with heaven,

producing great power.

However,

true greatness depends on being in harmony with what is right.

Therefore in times of great power

the superior man avoids doing anything

that is not in harmony with the established order.